

INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL FOR THE FAR EAST

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, et al

-VS-

ARAKI, Sadao, et al

Sworn Deposition

Defendant : SHIMAMOTO Masachichi

Having first duly sworn on oath as on attached sheet and in accordance with the procedure followed in my country I hereby depose as follows.

1. I, SHIMAMOTO Masachichi was formerly a Lieutenant General of the Japanese Army, and born on 16 October, 1899. I am now under medical treatment for cholelithiasis at No. 372, Morobe Nakai, Sumoto-city, Hyogo Prefecture.
2. I was appointed the Commander of the Second Infantry Battalion of the Independent Garrison on 1 August, 1931. On 23 August the same year, I arrived at Mukden and took up my new post. Before that, I had been with the First Higher School as the garrison officer attached to the school for full three years. Till I came to the First Higher School, I was an instructor of the Motor-car School. Therefore, I went to Manchuria on 23 August 1931, for the first time.
3. On 28 May, 1932, I received a commission as Army M.F.Lt. Col and was gazetted an officer attached to the M.F. Corps of the Kanto Army. Taking up that post, I had been in Harbin till 1 August, 1934, when I was promoted to an Army colonel, and was gazetted the Commander of the 19th Infantry Regiment which was situated at Tsuruga and left Manchuria. Later, after being gradually promoted, I became an Army Lieutenant General. And on 30 March, 1940, when I was the commander of the Yura Fortress, I retired from the service.

4. When I was serving as the commander of the abovementioned the Second Infantry Battalion of the Independent Garrison, on 18 September, 1931, the Manchurian Incident broke out.
5. Regarding the situation of that time, as the world interests at that time were concentrated on it, I made the truth clear as the parties concerned, reported it to the superiors, commented to the pressmen of both Japanese and foreign and explained also to the Litter Enquiry Committee.
6. The separate document under the title of "the Truth of the encounters between Japanese and Chinese troops near Peitayin commented to the pressmen of both Japanese and foreign" was written by me according to the truth on 24 September, 1931, and I explained it to the pressmen of both Japanese and foreign at that time. The contents of this document were the statement of truth that I had personally experienced and seen.
7. The separate document under the title of "Details of the movement of our units immediately after the blowing up of the railway by the Chinese soldiers" was made by the Staff Department of the Kanto Army on 19 October, 1932. I can certify that this document is the one distributed to me at that time and has been therewith in my custody.
8. The separate sheet of chart under the title of "The Chart showing the stations of the Independent Garrison" was the sheet that I was distributed from the Headquarters of the Independent Garrison under the necessity of my duty in approximately September, 1931, and has been therewith in my custody.
9. The separate document under the title of "The outline of guiding the United States (Persons) and the party of the enquiry committee to the spot of the explosion" was written by me, containing the general conditions of the afternoon on 18 June, 1931, when I guided the abovementioned party. The contents of this document is true and correct.

On this 5 day of April, 1947

At Tokyo

DEFENDANT /s/ SHIMOTO, Masaichi (seal)

I, BAIRO, Jurkichi, hereby certify that the above statement was sworn by the Defendant, who affixed his signature and seal thereto in the presence of this witness.

On the same date

At the same place.

Witness: (signed) BAIRO, Jurkichi (seal)

o/mv

In accordance with my conscience I swear to tell the whole truth withholding nothing and adding nothing.

/s/ SHIMOTO, Masaichi (seal)

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亞米利加合衆國其他

對

荒木貞夫其他

宣誓供述書

供述者 島本正一

自分儀我國ニ行ハルル方式ニ從ヒ先ヅ別紙ノ通り宣誓ヲ爲シタル上其ノ如ク供述致シマス

一、私^{シノモトマサユキ} 島本正一ハ元陸軍中將デ明治三十二年（一八八九年）十一月十六日生レ、現在、兵庫縣洲本市物部中島ハセニ番地ニ住ミ膽石病ニテ療養中デアリマス

二、私ハ昭和六年（一九三一年）八月一日附ヲ以テ独立守備歩兵第二大隊長ヲ拜命シ同月二十三日奉天ニ到着シ服務シマシタ。其ノ前職ハ東京ノ第一高等學校ノ配屬將校デアツテ病三軍面之ヲ勤メマシタ。更ニ其ノ前ハ陸軍自動車學校ノ教官ヲ勤メマシタ。從ツテ私ハ八月二十三日ニ始メテ渡滿シタ訳デアリマス

三、私ハ昭和七年（一九三二年）五月二十八日附ヲ以テ陸軍憲兵中佐ニ任セラレ関東軍憲兵隊附ヲ仰セ付ケラレ哈爾濱ニ於テ勤務シ、昭和九年（一九三四年）八月一日陸軍歩兵大佐ニ任セラレ内地ノ敦賀ニ在ル歩兵第十九旅隊長ニ補セラレ離滿シマシタ。

其ノ後果進シテ陸軍中將トナリ昭和十五年（一九四〇年）三月三十日退役當時ノ職ハ田良軍憲司令官デアリマシタ。

四、私カ右独立守備歩兵第二大隊長トシテ服務中昭和六年（一九三一年）九月十八日 柳條溝

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五 其ノ当時ノ情况ニ付テハ当時世界ノ視聽ヲ集メタコトデアリマシタカラ私ハ当事者トシテ其ノ真相ヲ明カニシ 上司ニモ報告シ 内外新聞記者ニ説明シ 又 リットン調査団ニモ説明シマシタ

六 別冊「内外新聞社員ニ説明シタル北大宮附近日支西軍衝突ノ真相」ト題スル文書ハ私カ事實ニ基キ真相ヲ記述シタモノデ昭和六年（一九三一年）九月二十四日ニ之ヲ作成シ當時内外新聞社員ニ之ヲ説明シマシタ、其ノ内容ハ私ノ体験ト知見ニヨルモノデ眞実ヲ述ヘタモノデアリマス

七 別冊「支那兵鉄道爆破直後ニ於ケル吾部隊ノ行動ノ詳細」ト題スル文書ハ昭和六年十月十九日關東軍參謀部調製ニ係ルモノデ其ノ頃私ニ於テ配布ヲ受ケ爾来自分ニ於テ藏置セル文書デアルコトヲ証明シマス

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ハ、別紙「独立守備隊配置要図」ト題スル四表一枚ハ私カ昭和六年九月頃勤務上ノ必要ヨリ独立守備隊司令部ヨリ配布ヲ受ケ爾来私ニ於テ藏置シテ居タモノデアリマス

九、別冊「米國（ハenson）外調査委員一行ノ爆破現場案内概要」ト題スル文書ハ昭和六年十月十八日午後私カ右一行ニ対シ案内ヲシタ状況ノ概要ヲ記述シタモノデ其ノ内容ハ眞實デアリマス

昭和二十二年（一九四七年）四月五日於東京

供述者

島本正一

右ハ当立会人ノ面前ニテ宣誓シ且ツ署名捺印シタルコトヲ証明シマス

同日

於同前

立會人

阪埜淳吉
（シヨウキケ）

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宣誓書

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